

JOE 21: HEBREWS 10:19-25 "STEP INTO IT"

KENYA. STUCK 18" of MUD. NOWHERE. Wheels Spin. WORSE. THINKING I'VE FELT LIKE THAT. Nowhere. POST COVID LEFT WRLD GLOBAL MALAISE – BLAH CULTURE.

- **Social reality:** Emotional fatigue, anxiety, cynicism, tribalism, doomscrolling. **Sociologist "languishing"** – not depressed. Not thriving. Emotionally flat.
- **Corporate reality:** great resignation. Quiet quitting. Burnout.
- **Church reality:** Spiritual deconditioning. Shallow discipleship. Fractured community. Digital spectatorship. **4X + 1.6 X month.**

THERE'S STIRRING. Data isn't there to say revival/awakening. **Awareness - Intrigue:** BIG EVENTS. BIG EVENTS NOT SIGN

An Awakening isn't vibes, its lives transformed through the gospel on a mega scale. NEW ALEGIANCE. NEW CREATURE. NEW LIFE. So many floating in life. Carried tide algor

- THESE XIANS. FLOATING AWAY. Climbed TheolMt. Everest Calls Response – **BC Jesus greater. Enter holy places confidence by his blood. New living way**

MP: Christians don't flow with the tide of culture. We rise above it and reshape it as we step into what Christ has opened for us.

WE DON'T QUIETLY QUIT WE DRAW NEAR TO GOD

The Spirit working in their hearts and minds, awakening them to Christ's greatness. SO CHOOSE SETTLED DIRECTION. If your life is like an arrow. Point ??

Real change takes courage. Anyone can go with the flow or ride the tide.

- SOME OF U: Slowly considering Christ. Warming up. **HUGE.** Interested when you never were. **ARROW GRADUALLY TURNING TOWARDS JESUS.**
- OTHERS: Solidly saved. Born Again. Arrows been drifting in another direction **JESUS IS CLEARLY SET BEFORE BOTH – THE TIME TO CHOOSE IS NOW**
- **TRUE HEART:** Not for image. Convenience. Compulsion. Social. **AUTHENTIC**

Authenticity is NOT: celebrating every feeling as truth, emotional dumping without surrender, self-expression without transformation, raw honesty with no repentance

Biblical authenticity IS: bringing the real you before the real God, honestly without hypocrisy, transparency with surrender, a heart fully aligned toward God in faith

Full Assurance: Belong to God. Hearts Sprinkled. Bodies Washed. BLOOD BOUGHT

WE AREN'T LANGUISHING WE ARE EMPOWERED BY HOLDING FAST COH

Having taken the step to direct whole heart to God. Let new realty emp w/hope

- **HOLD FAST COH:** We are held by God AND WE HOLD ON TO HIM. Not a faith barely surviving. Faith that empowered all that Jesus has accomplished.
 - o **There's a rip tide that's always pulling against you. Undertow: faith deconstruction, cultural hostility, spiritual fatigue, disillusionment**

Jesus isn't just a life raft that you hold on to as you barely make it through this life.

- **U'VE MADE PUBLIC DECLARATION – BASED ON INWARD REALITY ST POINT**

Romans 10:9 Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.

- Reframes Reality – Sometimes u Have to Remind urself. BC OF JESUS

More than a conqueror in Christ Jesus. Not only saved. Empowered. Indwelt. Authorized. Change Agent. World Changer. New Creation. Child of God.

- Hardest times of my life – moments languishing. **I HAVE HAD TO CHOOSE FIGHT AGAINST THE RIP TIDE BY POURING EVERYTHING U R INTO GOD**
WE AREN'T OVERTAKEN BY LONELINESS. WE CHOOSE THE COMMUNITY OF GOD
Christianity is meant to be lived in community.

- TEMPTATION TO NEGLECT AS OLD AS CHURCH: Don't neglect as is the manner of some. Too busy. work, sports, kids, me time, catch up on my rest, **Christianity in moderation. I DON'T HAVE GO CHURCH B SAVED.**

A heart awakened by grace moves toward God's people, not permanently away from them. Being part of God's church is a privilege. Not a right or entitlement.

- Choose **household of God**: Thursday night lady walked an hour to get to church
THERE'S PURPOSE AND POWER IN OUR GATHERINGS

- STIR 1 ANOTHER UP: Normally: Agitate. Frustrate. Irritate. **MAYBE U. UR MINISTRY.** When you stir the pot, you bring what's settled to the surface.
WHAT DO U BRING TO THE SURFACE IN OTHERS? Do u bring out the best or the worst. THINK ABOUT THAT. Not just at church. Homes. Friends. Social Media

- LOVE AND GOOD WORKS: creatively think stir up the best in others.

When it comes to the family gathering, it's not the preacher, it's the people.
HOW DID THAT CAR GET OUT?? OTHERS. OUT OF NOWHERE COMMUNITY
Satan is happy to sing you a lullaby as you float your life away.

- **LIVE OUT WHAT JESUS HAS OPENED FOR YOU. FOR SOME OF U U HAVE TO STEP INTO THIS. FOR OTHERS U NEED TO STEP BACK INTO IT. WHEN YOU STEP YOU WILL BE UNSTUCK**